(a) whether it is a fact that a few activists of Students Islamic Movement of India have been arrested in the district of Surat in Gujarat during the last six months;

(b) if so, the number thereof and the details of incriminating documents seized from them;

(c) whether Government have taken any action against them so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) More than 100 activists of Students Islamic Movement of India which was banned by the Government of India on 27.9.2001 have been arrested during the last six months in Gujarat and cases have been registered under various relevant Acts.

'Public Order' and 'Police' appear at Entry No.1 and 2 of List-II State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. Hence, the maintenance of public order and peace, as also registration, investigation and prevention of crime are the primary responsibilities of the State Governments.

Inclusion of Dogri in the Eighth Schedule

2561. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that a Dogri-Sanstha met Hon'ble Prime Minister last year for including Dogri language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Hon'ble Prime Minister was kind enough to agree for such an amendment of the Constitution without further delay; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) At present, demands for inclusion of as many as 32 more languages (including Dogri) in the 8th Schedule to the Constitution are pending with the Government. The Government had decided that a suitable criteria needs to be evolved for inclusion of any language in the Eighth Schedule as no criteria has been laid down in the Constitution of India. Accordingly, the issue of evolving criteria was referred to the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution for consideration. The Commission has since submitted its report to the Government and the report is being examined. The question of inclusion of Dogri language in the Eighth Schedule is under consideration.

Action against terrorists belonging to Asif Razzak Group

†2562. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists belonging to Asif Razzak Commando Group are hiding in Delhi also;

(b) if so, whether any clues have been found so far in respect of these terrorists;

(c) if so, the number of persons detected and apprehended so far;

(d) whether Government have not been able to detect all the members of this group so far;

(e) if so, by when success is expected to be achieved in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (f) All the ten associates of Asif Raza Khan identified during the course of investigation were either arrested or killed in an encounter.

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